

Delegates Give Rousing Demonstration Of United Stand For Victory As Convention Ends

Before the convention adjourned, President William Green, in the name of the Federation's seven million members, sent cablegrams to Gen. Eisenhower and Gen. MacArthur informing the nation's military chiefs of the AFL's action.

"We hereby reaffirm our determination to fulfill our pledges to the government and to the people of the United States and to the members of the armed forces, that we will give every possible assistance in prosecuting the present war to a victorious conclusion.

"We renew our no-strike pledge and reaffirm our determination to continue assisting in financing the war and, as soldiers in the army of production, give full service in the production of the implements of war."

"We also insist that the government and industry respect our rights, preserve our agreements and apply them in good faith and that our no-strike pledge must not be used as a subterfuge to deprive us of long-established rights and privileges."

As Secretary John P. Frey of the Resolutions Committee moved for the adoption of this declaration, President Green said:

"We want the world to understand where we stand on this subject. All in favor of the committee's report, please rise to your feet."

The delegates stood up in solid phalanx, cheering. When the demonstration ended, Mr. Green called upon those opposed to the report to stand. Not a single delegate arose.

This impressive unity of thought and action was again manifested when the convention took up the parallel question of cooperation with war veterans.

The delegates voted all-out support of an AFL program and of national legislation designed to give returning servicemen economic security and full opportunity for post-war jobs.

The convention adjourned, the delegates voted to meet next year in Chicago, the first time an AFL convention has gone to that city in fifty years. One of the issues which aroused the delegates to fighting pitch in the closing hours was the prejudice shown against AFL unions by the National Labor Relations Board.

The convention voted to seek amendments to the National Labor Relations Act to guarantee freedom of choice by workers in collective bargaining elections so that the integrity of craft unions can be maintained and to pro-

Delegates from various unions took the floor and recited chapter and verse on unjust decisions by the NLRB, the most spectacular case being that of the Commercial Telegraphers Union in its pending Western Union elections.

President Allen of the CTU charged that the Board had consistently played along with a rival CIO union, both in a former case involving Postal Telegraph employees and in the present dispute. In the Postal case, he pointed

out, the CIO asked for a single nation-wide voting unit for all employees and the Board granted it over AFL objections. Now, with Postal and Western Union merged, the board has reversed its own precedent and ordered seven separate regional elections instead of a single one for the entire country, as demanded by the CTU.

Commenting on this case, Mr. Green denounced the NLRB's decision as "reprehensible and exasperating." He revealed he had written a letter to Chairman Mills of the NLRB, telling him "I would be happy, I would cele-

Mr. Green concluded predicting an overwhelming victory for the GTU when the Western Union elections are held next month and said the board would be "tremendously disappointed" by the result.

World Parley Of Free Trade Unions

To Meet In U.S. Recommended By AFL

This action highlighted a series of declarations by the 64th annual AFL convention which emphasized the need

of concerted pressure by the free trade union movements of the world to make certain that victory in the war will guarantee freedom and democracy to the workers of every nation.

The convention held that the establishment of a free and democratic trade union movement in the liberated

in a united effort to revive and strengthen the free trade union movement of the world.

"We urge this convention to issue this rallying call:

"FREE WORKERS OF ALL COUNTRIES, ENSURE YOUR FREEDOM BY UNITING IN FREE

The committee report, unanimously adopted by the delegates, said:

"Free trade unions are independent organizations controlling their own terms and conditions of membership.

TRADE UNIONS. FREE TRADE UNIONS OF THE WORLD. UNITED TO MAINTAIN LASTING PEACE WITH FREEDOM."

The convention also called for an early conference of the trade union movements of North and South America to cement Pan-American ties of

Free trade unions are not state controlled nor are they auxiliaries of the state, dominant party, or any employer or employers' organizations. Free trade unions are not subject to state control and are not subject to state interference.

2—The first trade union grows by accepting into its membership duly qualified workers who believe in the garment workers' code of ethics.

"On such a basis free trade unions -- we ask the workers of the world to unite. It is the only basis worthy of the human race."

House Rebels Against FDR And Labor, Votes To Freeze Security Tax Rate

jections of labor and President Roosevelt, the House of Representatives kicked over the traces and voted to free the social security payroll tax at its present level of one per cent for another year.

The legislation now goes to the Senate. The Senate will have to

In a letter to members of the House, ATU President William Green warned that the issues presented by the proposal go far beyond the mere fixing of the tax rate.

"The real question," he said, "is 'why?'"